

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph to the present specification before paragraph [0134]:

The 8 Ah battery of Embodiment 9 was manufactured again in exactly the same manner as described above, except that the positive and negative electrodes were reduced in size by a factor of 4. Consequently, the battery capacity after initial charging of all cells was approximately 2 Ah. This 2 Ah battery exhibited a limit discharging current (A) of about 60 A, which, as expected, is about 1/4 of the limit discharging current of the 8 Ah battery according to Embodiment 9. The ratio of limit discharging current to battery capacity for this 2 Ah battery was about 30.